

UTILITY  
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Attorney Docket No.

ETH1533

First Inventor

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Title

Method Of Preventing Adhesions With Absorbable Adhesives

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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5-4-011. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)

(submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 58]

(Preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets ]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
  - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
  - ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
- 11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- 13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- 14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
- 15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
- 16. ☐ Request and Certifications under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
- 17. ☐ Other

18. ☒ If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/375,724, filed August 17, 1999. **Please cancel claims 25-31.**

Prior application information: Examiner E. Webman Group Art Unit: 1617

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

## 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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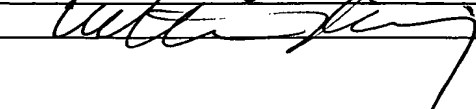
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	09/375,724
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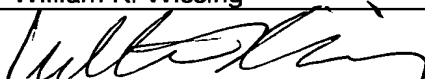
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## CLAIMS AS FILED

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
**Filing Date Granted**

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a ☐ small entity (statement filed) ☐ non-small entity is \$ 130.00.

☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing.
- ☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$\_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ total claims over 20.

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☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned.
- ☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

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